

**1. Are institutions of higher education ensuring the health and safety of students, faculty and staff during the 2020 Fall Semester? When applicable, please speak directly to classroom and lab settings, dormitories and dining halls.**

Baylor University is working diligently to protect the campus community during the 2020 Fall Semester. Baylor has identified guidelines and recommendations established by the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, and Governor Abbott's Coronavirus Task Force and has worked to implement that guidance. Baylor has implemented a facial covering requirement for all indoor spaces, as well as outdoor locations where social distancing cannot be maintained. Baylor has also obtained 40,000 square feet of air-conditioned tent space to supplement its physical facilities to allow for more meeting and class space in a socially distanced manner.

Baylor is providing three types of class settings this Fall. Face-to-face classes are taught utilizing social distancing and facial coverings. Hybrid classes are also offered, where students attend some classes face-to-face and others online. Finally, some classes are conducted using fully online methods. Labs are also taught using social distancing and facial coverings.

Baylor's Covid-19 website is found at: <https://www.baylor.edu/coronavirus/>

Baylor's Covid-19 website also includes a thorough FAQ for the campus community.  
<https://www.baylor.edu/coronavirus/index.php?id=967403>

**2. What plans are in place for on-campus COVID-19 testing? Do institutions have the capacity to provide testing on campus, both in terms of available supplies and labs to process tests?**

Baylor is conducting five types of testing this Fall:

- (a) Entry testing: Baylor provided testing to its entire community prior to the Fall semester
- (b) Health Center testing: Members of the Baylor community with symptoms can obtain a test
- (c) Surveillance testing: Approximately 5% of the Baylor community are tested on a weekly basis to determine the presence of the virus in the community
- (d) Targeted testing: Baylor's health advisors are able to identify possible "hotspots" in the community and test individuals in those groups or geographic areas
- (e) Sewage testing: Baylor is testing sewage of various residence halls to identify "hotspots" for targeted testing

**3. If applicable, what are plans for collegiate athletics this Fall? How will student athletes be kept safe? If fans will be permitted to attend events, how will fans be kept safe?**

Baylor, in cooperation with the Big XII Athletic Conference has implemented a number of measures to increase student-athlete safety this year including: (1) education and training of student athletes and staff regarding Covid-19; (2) regular testing and monitoring of student athletes; (3) timely use of contact tracers for isolation and quarantine; and (4) increased cleaning and sanitation in training areas.

Baylor's plan for game attendance has been previously provided to Governor Abbott and is included with this response.

**4. What do projected enrollment figures look like to institutions for this school year?**

Baylor's unofficial Fall enrollment numbers for this semester are 14,407 undergraduate students and 4,905 graduate students.

**5. Has there been a noticeable impact on staff or faculty retention with regard to concerns about the pandemic?**

Baylor University is permitting employees who have health conditions or concerns to work remotely when their job permits. Baylor has not seen a substantial impact on employee retention during the pandemic.

**6. Health Related Institutions were exempt from the 5% budget cuts earlier this year, due to their important role in resolving the public health crisis. What are some of the programs, research, and responses to the pandemic that our Health Related Institutions have contributed?**

N/A to Baylor University.

**7. How have state and federal COVID-related funds already impacted budgets?**

Federal and state funds have been very helpful to Baylor's budget. Specifically, Baylor has received approximately \$10.8 million in federal funds which have been used to provide increased financial and emergency assistance to Baylor students and offset additional costs and expenses incurred by Baylor in responding to the pandemic. Baylor is monitoring the impact which the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund will have on financial aid awards to Baylor's students through the TEG program.

**8. How has the pandemic affected the overall financial status of small and rural community colleges? The following question has been added:**

N/A to Baylor University

**9. Does your institution have a public, online dashboard for the reporting of positive COVID-19 cases which is updated daily? If so, what is the link to the dashboard?**

Yes. <https://www.baylor.edu/coronavirus/index.php?id=972342>